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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

CENTRAL MAINE BRANCH

December 13, 1962

The President Of The University Of Maine
Maine University Of Orono
Orono, Maine

Dear Sir:

The NAACP is pleased to hear that some Colleges in Maine have taken the initiative in seeking to end discriminatory practices in thier institutions.

We of course wish to do all we can to end all discriminatory practices. For the sake of education and help with members and friends of the NAACP, we would like to know the practice of your college in regard to

- 1-admissions
- 2-social activâties
- 3- fraternities or sororities

as these have reference to Negroes and Jews and thier freedoms within our Maine Colleges and Universities.

Sincerely Yours,
Mrs. Alberta Jackson
Mrs. Alberta Jackson
Secretary



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CENTRAL MAINE BRANCH

December 13, 1962

January 2, 1963

Mrs. Alberta Jackson
Secretary, National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People - Central Maine Branch
949 Minot Avenue
Auburn, Maine

The President Of The University Of Maine
Maine University
Orono, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

May I reply to your letter addressed to me here in Orono as
well as to the one addressed to the President of the University
of Maine in Portland since that is a branch of the University
of Maine. The NAACP has taken the initiative seeking to end discriminatory practices in their institutions.

In relation to the University, I am glad to report that in the
administration of admissions, residence halls, student employment,
scholarships, participation in general extra-curricular life,
all students are considered as individuals. The same policy is
effective in faculty and staff employment, also.

In relation to fraternities and sororities, the Board of Trustees
took the following action on February 6, 1957:

"That it shall be the University policy to withhold approval
of the establishment of any new fraternity or sorority which
excludes persons from membership because of race, color,
religion, or national origin."

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Alberta Jackson

As you know, the sororities and fraternities which were established
on the campus prior to this trustee ruling have various national
regulations and practices. They are under constant pressures to
reconsider these, however.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd H. Elliott
President

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